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At Key West, Florida  
December 17, 1949

Dear Senator:

I read your letter of the 13th with a great deal of interest. For your information, the program as outlined in the matter to which you refer, is proceeding very satisfactorily.

Efforts are being made, of course, to cause us all the trouble possible in getting the plan to work. There are certain conditions which have to be met on a gradual basis.

Eventually we will accomplish the purpose, if the busybodies will let us alone.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) HARRY S. TRUMAN

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Hon. Ralph E. Flanders  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

From various sources I get the impression that your plan for doing away with racial segregation in the armed services is not making very much headway, particularly in the Army. The Navy seems to have had no great difficulty for some years past inspite of the fact that sailors on a ship live together in about as close intimacy as it is possible to imagine.

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I can see no reason why the Army cannot abolish segregation even more easily than is the case with the Navy.

This matter should, I believe, be looked into by a Congressional investigation if conditions are as I understand them to be and if they continue. It would seem better if you could make another effort to have your desires followed so that a public investigation would be unnecessary.

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Yours respectfully,

Ralph E. Flanders

